

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A process for producing alkyl aromatic compounds which comprises contacting ~~at least one aromatic compound~~ benzene with at least one alkylating agent or transalkylating agent ~~possessing at least one aliphatic group having from 1 to 5 carbon atoms of polyisopropylbenzene or polyethylbenzene~~ under alkylation or transalkylation reaction conditions and in the presence of ~~an~~ a alkylation or transalkylation catalyst, to provide an alkylated aromatic product possessing at least one alkyl group derived from said alkylating agent or transalkylating agent, polyisopropylbenzene or polyethylbenzene, said catalyst comprising a binder-free molecular sieve having an X-ray diffraction pattern that includes the lines set forth in Table A.

2-8 (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) The process of Claim 1, wherein the transalkylation reaction conditions include a temperature of between about 160°C and 270°C, a pressure of about 1 to 70 atmospheres, a total space velocity, WHSV, of from about 1 to 20 and a molar ratio of ~~aromatic compound~~ benzene to transalkylating agent polyisopropylbenzene or polyethylbenzene of from about 0.1:1 to 50:1.

10. (cancelled)